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Twenty-second Meeting

Summary record of the 28th meeting
Held at Headquarters, New York, on Tuesday, 4 February 2003, at 10 a.m.

Temporary Chairman: Mr. Ndiaye ..... (Representative of the Secretary-General)
Chairman: Mr. Gallegos Chiriboga ..... (Ecuador)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.40 a.m.

Opening of the meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General

1. **The Temporary Chairman** informed the Committee that the main purpose of the Meeting was to elect, in accordance with Part IV of the Covenant, one member of the Human Rights Committee for a term ending on 31 December 2004, as a result of the resignation of Mr. Patrick Vella of Malta on 7 October 2002. He summarized relevant developments since the previous meeting of States parties to the Covenant in September 2002. The Human Rights Committee had held its seventy-sixth session from 21 October to 8 November 2002. It had adopted concluding observations on three country reports and 13 final decisions under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant, and had discussed its new procedure for dealing with the situation of States parties that had not reported under the Covenant and the new procedure for following up its concluding observations on periodic reports. The Committee had continued its deliberations on the draft revised General Comment on article 2 of the Covenant, which covered non-discrimination, and had begun consultation on the proposals for treaty-body reform in the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the United Nations (A/57/387). Those consultations would continue at the seventy-seventh session of the Committee in March 2003.

Election of the Chairman

2. **Mr. Kulyk** (Ukraine) nominated Mr. Gallegos Chiriboga (Ecuador) for the office of Chairman.

3. *Mr. Gallegos Chiriboga (Ecuador) was elected Chairman by acclamation.*

4. *Mr. Gallegos Chiriboga (Ecuador) took the Chair.*

Adoption of the agenda (CCPR/SP/61)

5. *The agenda was adopted.*

6. **The Chairman**, after drawing attention to rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Meeting (CCPR/SP/2/Rev.1), said that he had been informed that the Secretary-General had yet to receive proper credentials from a number of States parties represented at the Meeting, despite the reminder contained in the Secretary-General's note to the States parties of 21 January 2003.

7. He suggested that, in accordance with rule 3, the representatives of States parties who were in that situation should be authorized provisionally to participate in the Meeting; he urged those representatives to ensure that their credentials reached the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

8. *It was so decided.*

Election of other officers

9. **The Chairman** said that, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure, participants in the Meeting had to elect one to four Vice-Chairpersons from among the representatives of the States parties. He had been informed that Mr. Grey-Johnson (Gambia), Mr. Helg (Switzerland) and Mr. Priputen (Slovakia) had been nominated for the office of Vice-Chairperson.

10. *Mr. Grey-Johnson (Gambia), Mr. Helg (Switzerland) and Mr. Priputen (Slovakia) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.*

Election, in accordance with articles 28 to 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to fill a vacancy in the Human Rights Committee for the remainder of a term expiring on 31 December 2004 (CCPR/SP/60).

11. **The Chairman** said that following the resignation of Mr. Vella (Malta), the Secretary-General, in accordance with articles 33, paragraph 2, and 34, paragraph 1, of the Covenant, had declared a vacancy on the Committee, and in a note verbale of 15 November 2002 had requested the States parties to submit nominations to fill that vacancy. The only nominee was Mr. Depasquale, of Malta. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Meeting decided to dispense with a secret ballot.

12. *It was so decided.*

13. *Mr. Depasquale (Malta) was elected a member of the Human Rights Committee for the remainder of a term ending on 31 December 2004 by acclamation.*

Other matters

14. **The Chairman** said that, in the absence of any other matters, he declared closed the twenty-second Meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m.